
First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles**Regional LICC status:**

Active LICCs – 10 representing 19 counties

Inactive LICCs: 2 inactive representing 2 counties; on county disbanded

*LICCs in development: **8 counties***

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Increase community and public awareness of First Steps
2. Provider recruitment especially in area of speech therapy
3. Meet with SPOE and begin developing working relationship

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- Boone Co. has developed a public service announcement and print advertisement for use in local newspapers at no cost.
- Lincoln Co. is working on developing relationship with SPOE and has developed committees to reorganize the LICC.
- Cole Co. is in the process of writing By-laws and networking with providers and service coordinators.
- Randolph Co. has written and approved By-laws.
- St. Charles Co. is working on public awareness and putting together referral folders for pediatricians.
- Northeast ECN completed revision of their goals.
- Jefferson Co. completed work with Utah State Project on family notebooks.
- Marion/Shelby is newly formed and has elected officers
- Cooper/Howard has completed By-laws.
- Montgomery Co. is newly formed and has elected officers.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

Provider recruitment for speech therapy due to current waiting lists. Understanding what the LICC relationship is to the SPOE in oversight of their activities.

Understanding the purpose of the LICC in the Redesign. Encouraging and increasing new membership especially of parents. More support from DESE for the SPOE and support of SPOE staff concerns with increasing First Steps referrals. DESE support of First Steps system and Medicaid system now. Keeping the interest of members.

Original goals of Redesign have not been met and that children will fall through the cracks and be lost. That in the recruitment of providers the qualifications and educational standards are being lowered. That services cannot be provided in natural environments because there is no financial incentive. There is no financial incentive that promotes recruitment of competent providers.

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. There is concern that the SPOEs are overworked and overloaded due to increasing referrals.
2. The LiCCs need a better understanding of what their relationship is to the SPOE.
3. There is concern about the continuity of services and service coordination during the transition to going on line March 1.